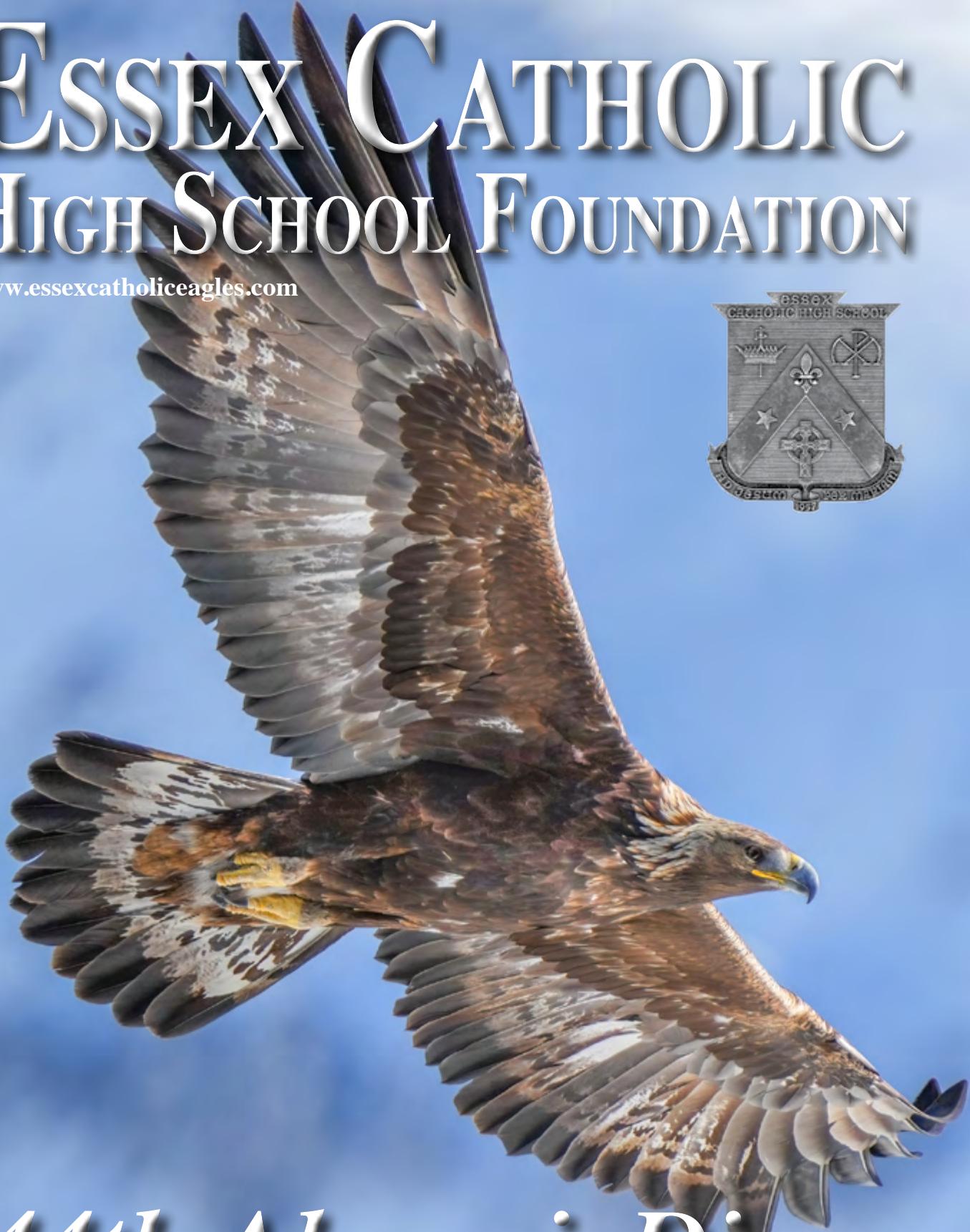


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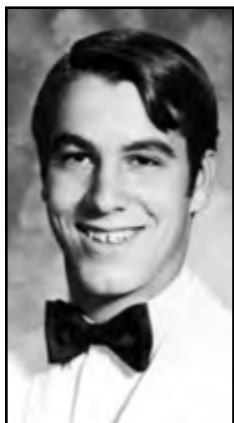
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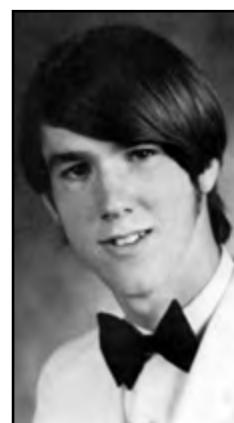
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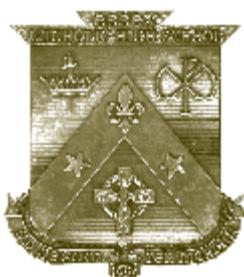
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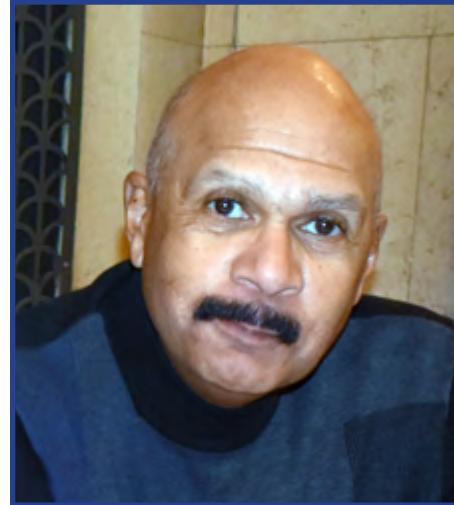
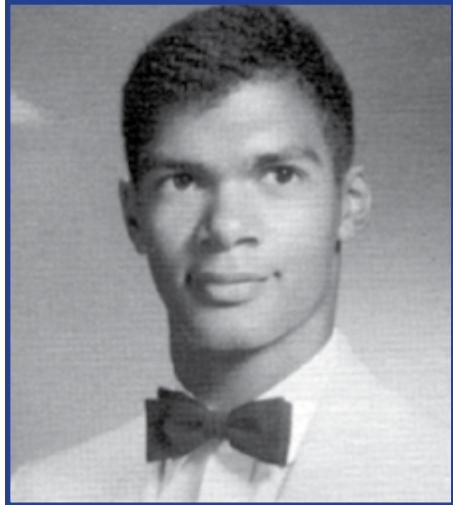
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To My Fellow Essex Catholic Alumni, Faculty and Friends;

The Essex Catholic High School Foundation is very pleased to present the 44th Annual Alumni Dinner and Hall of Fame Induction.

We have been busy and active in 2025, committed to the Foundation's ongoing mission: "Providing alumni, faculty and friends with opportunities to gather, reminisce and reconnect; and providing scholarships to the descendants of Essex Catholic graduates."

Our Board of Trustees and Committees continue to meet regularly. Our website, [www.essexcatholiceagles.com](http://www.essexcatholiceagles.com), augmented by Facebook social media postings as well as frequent email campaigns, is providing greatly improved access and communications for our alumni to keep abreast of events and stay connected. We continue to fund and grant scholarships to the descendants of Essex Catholic alumni following the successful inauguration of our *Century Club* in 2021 (see pages 7 and 9), awarding \$93,500 in scholarships over the course of five years. We held a well-attended 300 Broadway Reception & Tour in January and Eagle Open in May, as well as an All-Classes Reunion at McGovern's and a Summer luncheon at the Cloverleaf Tavern. We'll return to the Cloverleaf on Dec. 13 for our annual Christmas luncheon. Our 2026 Eagle Open is scheduled for May 4, at Galloping Hill Country Club.

I want to thank the members of the Board, the Officers and the Committees for their time, commitment and hard work.

Congratulations to this year's inductees, honorees and scholarship recipients. Stay safe, healthy and involved.



*Keith Krauss*

Keith Krauss '71  
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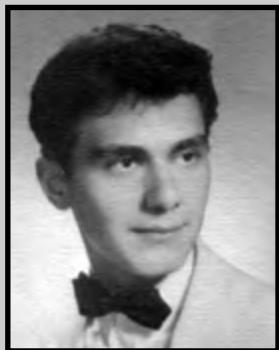
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To Our Alumni and the Greater Essex Catholic Community;

As you know, an important part of the Foundation's mission is to award scholarships to the descendants of Essex Catholic High School graduates.

In 2020, the Board of Trustees authorized creation of the *Century Club*, the intent of which is to have 100 Essex Catholic alumni donate a minimum of \$100 per year exclusively for scholarships, with the goal of raising at least \$10,000 annually. All Board of Trustee members committed to this goal and signed on as *Century Club* members.

The first five years of this program have been successful, and it is with great satisfaction that the Foundation awarded five scholarships in 2021, four in 2022, five in 2023, eight in 2024, and eight in 2025 to the following students:

- Katherine McKay, \$7,500 Henry Prata Memorial Scholarship
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- Amelia Wolfe, \$5,000
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- Cameron Phillips, \$2,500
- Logan Van Liew, \$2,500
- John Brost, Jr., \$2,500
- Aiden Reilly, \$2,500

The total amount of scholarships awarded thus far, \$93,500 over the course of five years, would not have been possible without the generosity of those who supported our *Century Club*. This generosity has put meaning and substance into the Scholarship Fund, and we look forward to ongoing support of a minimum \$100 per year, which will continue to allow us to award meaningful scholarships on behalf of our beloved school.

The Board of Trustees recognizes the names of *Century Club* members in appreciation for their donations on our website, at [www.essexcatholiceagles.com/scholarships](http://www.essexcatholiceagles.com/scholarships), and in this Alumni Dinner Journal, on page 9. If you're not already participating, we ask that you consider committing to this project. If you haven't renewed your commitment, please do so as soon as possible.

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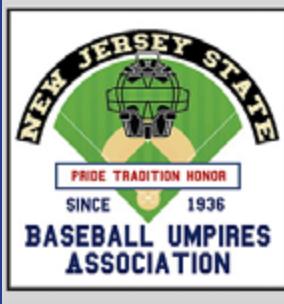
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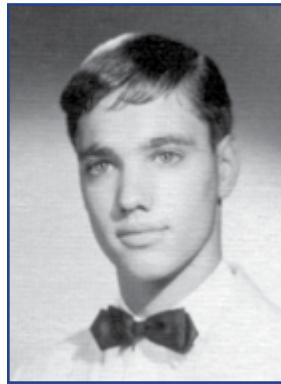


***Bob Dent '62, Hall of Fame 2022***



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# *David Yacavone '63*



Naval officer and took on double duty flying and tending to medical needs.

From there a remarkable service career unfolded. Driven by his dedication and leadership ability, Dr. Yacavone became a Naval flight surgeon pilot. His skill, compassion and competence were fully recognized, and the Navy sent him to Harvard University for advanced training. He received a master's degree in public health.

On his return, Dr. Yacavone was stationed in Norfolk, home of the Sixth Fleet, and he worked his way up to chief medical officer (SMO) of the nuclear aircraft carrier USS Eisenhower, "The Ike." During his commission on The Ike, he modernized the hospital system and made it suitable for women military personnel. He was instrumental in enabling the first deployment of a Naval ship with women.

Dr. Yacavone sailed with The Ike in combat during the first Gulf War. On his return from the Gulf, he trained in special counter-terrorist operations and returned to The Ike. There he continued his innovative work in Naval hospital design and patient care.

The next step in David's career was to help design and modernize the Navy's next generation of the Nimitz class carrier, the USS Harry S. Truman. Dr. Yacavone left an indelible mark on Naval flight medicine, having chaired key initiatives in his career, including introduction of women onto Naval ships and the modernization of afloat hospitals. Throughout his stellar career he was recognized several times, including being awarded the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, NATO Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal and Counter Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, among many others.

Dr. Yacavone was a true Renaissance Man. Besides all his achievements, he enjoyed and supported the arts. He loved musical theater and during his retirement he served as a member on the board of the Virginia Opera.

After Dr. Yacavone's retirement from the Navy, he again worked in clinics and emergency rooms serving those most in need. This life well-lived was slowed by various health issues and cancer. Dr. Yacavone outlived his wife Nancy by eight months. He is survived by his children, Chris, Rebecca, Jason and Briana, and three grandchildren, Hannah, Noah and Sarah. He was laid to rest with full military honors in Norfolk in March 2019.

**D**avid William Yacavone '63 lived an exemplary life of service he often attributed to his Essex Catholic education, providing him with a moral compass and leadership skills. David grew up in Bloomfield, N.J. with his parents and two younger sisters, Tina and Carol. He attended St. Francis Xavier Elementary School before Essex Catholic. Life dealt him some challenges, as he lost his beloved mom during his senior year.

David graduated ECHS in 1963, completed his bachelor's degree at Seton Hall in three years and went on to post-graduate work in Asian Studies. His first position was civil rights investigator in Newark, where he tirelessly sought to bring justice to the marginalized. Through this time, David's love of helping people drew him to medicine, and he finished his medical degree at Missouri Osteopathy College. After medical school he worked in clinics and emergency rooms in Chicago, Lansing and Jacksonville. During his time in Jacksonville, he was introduced to the need for medical care at the local Navy air base. This led to his next adventure: learning to fly. He was commissioned as a

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## Father Matthew Chadwick '68 From Your 1967-1968 Varsity Track Teammates

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Eagles' 1967-68 Track & Field "Most Improved Runner" Matt Chadwick leads the pack.



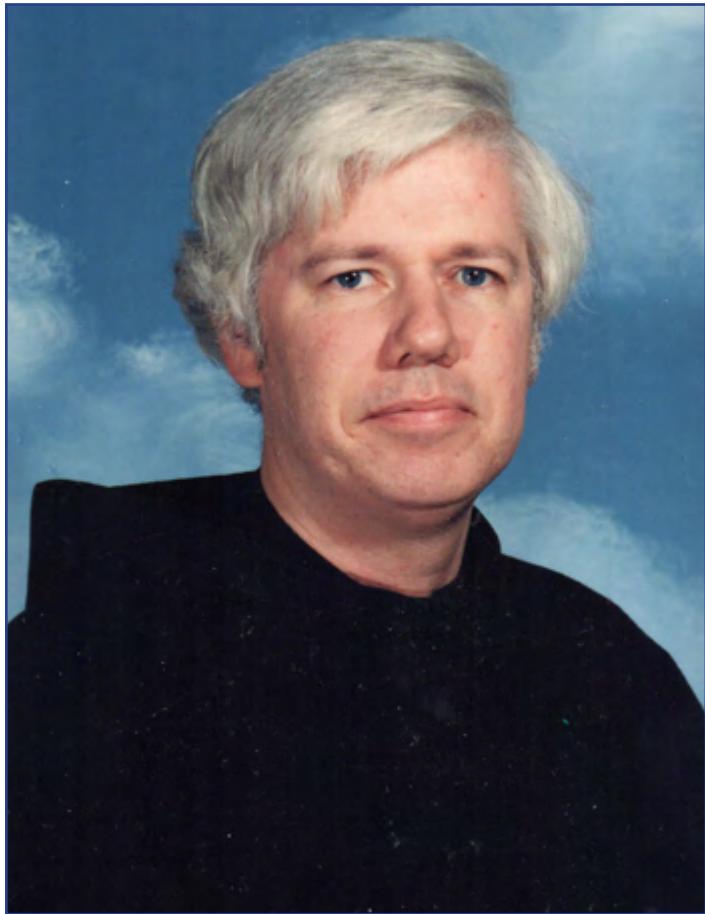
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a Marathon.  
There is No Gain  
Without Some Pain.  
Embrace It!





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# Fr. Matthew Chadwick '68



in the two-mile run. In outdoor track, he won the Essex County Championship two-mile race, and the team came in first place. He also won the individual Parochial A State Championship in the two-mile.

“Essex Catholic had a great reputation for cross-country and track and field, especially for runners and throwers,” Matt says. “To be a part of that history gave me a sense of pride and responsibility to continue this well-earned reputation.”

After Essex Catholic it was off to Penn State University on a partial scholarship. “When I arrived at PSU, we had a lot of state champions on the team from various states,” Matt recalls. “I was shocked at how many of them didn’t know how to train or to race. The background I had at Essex made the difference. It was coaching and it was having some very talented, hard-working teammates that allowed me to have success in high school and college. I had such respect for the state champions and national record setters on our teams at Essex that I didn’t even speak to them unless they spoke to me first. Whatever they did at practice I tried to emulate. I always believed that, with the coaching and teammates I had at Essex and at Penn State, I had just jumped into a river with a strong current, and all I had to do was go with the flow.”

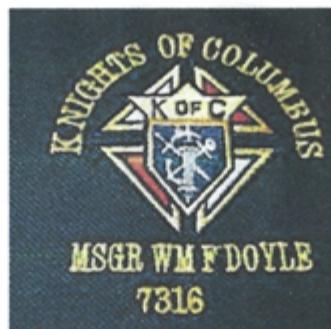
At Penn State, Matt made the All-East Teams a couple of times and qualified for the Olympic Trials in the 10,000 meters. After graduation, he taught and coached at the Bellefonte Area School District, Pennsylvania. He was able to start the first girls cross-country and track and field teams and coach some very talented athletes while at Bellefonte High School.

“At Essex, there were many important persons for me among the faculty,” Matt says. “Two had the name ‘Dwyer’: Coach Fred Dwyer and Brother Donald P. Dwyer. Coach Fred made me a champion. Bro. Dwyer coached me in my spiritual life and eventually helped me decide to become a religious priest as a Friar Minor Conventual. There isn’t a day goes by that I don’t think about the teachers, coaches, classmates and teammates I had at St. Peter’s, Essex Catholic and Penn State. I am now a retired priest, but I never retire from praying for family and friends.”

**A**fter graduating from St. Peter’s Elementary School in Belleville, Fr. Matthew Chadwick '68 arrived at Essex Catholic High School in the Fall of 1964. He wanted a good Catholic education and to be an athlete. Matt was in the Glee Club, which presented a great Spring Concert, for a year. He was on the Honor Roll a few times and wrote for the *Eagle* newspaper and *Talon* yearbook. He also played intramural softball and bowling.

In his Sophomore Year, Matt went out for the cross-country team. The highlights of his Senior year were the team winning the Hudson County X-C Championship, the Roselle Catholic Turkey Trot, second place in the Eastern Championships and first in the State Parochial A Championships, the fifth in a row. Matt and teammate Tom Legge were voted the two most improved runners of the year in the Catholic Conference. In the Indoor State Championships, Matt finished second behind teammate Mike Keough

Congratulations to our Brother Knight  
JACK VENEZIA "68"  
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# Jack Venezia '68



Jack Venezia '68's decision to enroll at Essex Catholic in 1964 did not come easily. His closest friends were all going to Montclair Immaculate High School, only two short blocks from his home. There was a huge obstacle to overcome.

When Jack apprised his parents of his decision, they informed him that they would not be able to afford tuition for both his brother, Robert '67, and him. Jack recalled vividly praying for the Lord's guidance. His prayers were answered when, in a meeting with Jack's parents and priests at Immaculate to discuss the situation, the priests devised a proposal. In exchange for his father's work at Friday Night Bingo, Jack's tuition would be covered.

While at Essex, Jack made the Honor Roll in each of his four years, and he lettered as a varsity baseball player in 1967 and 1968. His overall record as pitcher was 6-1, and his most noteworthy wins were against Clifford Scott (then coached by Fred Hill) and St. Joe's Montvale in the state tournament. He was proud to have played with great teammates and coaches, and especially for Mr. Garvey.

After graduating Essex, Jack matriculated at Montclair State as an "Early Acceptance" student and was awarded a four-year state scholarship. Jack was a Dean's List student for four semesters and played on the MSU baseball team with his friend and former Eagle teammate, Kevin Cooney, from 1968-1972.

In 1974, Jack landed an elementary school teaching position at Gould

School in North Caldwell. Virtually his entire career in education, 32 years, was spent as a fifth and sixth grade teacher and administrator in North Caldwell.

Jack was fortunate to have had many opportunities to work with various age levels in sports. He became an assistant baseball coach at Immaculate in 1973 and worked with Joe Lennon at ICHS for five years. Jack was named head coach for the James Caldwell American Legion Post

#185 baseball team in 1977, and, along with his deceased brother James (Dip), coached Caldwell to consecutive New Jersey State Championships in 1977 and 1978. Post #185 won the Mideast Regionals in 1978 and then moved on to the 1978 American Legion World Series in Yakima, Washington, where Caldwell concluded its remarkable season by going 2-2.

Jack was a registered basketball official for more than 30 years. He is still an active member, after 49 years, with the New Jersey State Baseball Umpires' Association. Since 1983, he has been an NJSBUA Board of Directors member and was chapter rules interpreter and trainer of prospective umpires for 32 years. He was a recipient of NJSBUA's Hall of Fame Award in 1997. Jack served as Co-Director of the Essex County Boys' Soccer Tournament (12 years) and as both Director of the Boys' Basketball ECT and the Greater Newark Baseball Tournament (GNT) for 25 years. From 2013-2023, Jack was an assignor of umpires for the NJSIAA state tournament and a member of the state tournament baseball committee. Jack was appointed NJSIAA Umpire Mechanics Chairperson in 2015 and held that position until the COVID pandemic. In 2002, Jack was named New Jersey Baseball Umpire of the Year by the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) and was honored to have received an award from the New Jersey Scholastic Baseball Coaches' Association in 2013.

A devout Catholic, Jack has been attending daily Mass for more than 30 years. He has served as a Eucharistic Minister since 1992 and is still an altar server/acolyte. Jack is a very active 3rd Degree member and 4th Degree officer with the Knights of Columbus. He is a staunch advocate for "Protecting the Lives of the Unborn."

Jack has been blessed with a lovely wife, Helen, who is a retired physical education teacher, and a wonderful daughter, Katie, who works as a project manager for a small company in Fairfield. Jack and Helen reside at the Jersey Shore in Ventnor City.

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# *Jude Del Preore '69*



County. In that position, he was responsible for managing and coordinating the operations of a judicial district, including financial management, human resources, information systems, case coordination, case management, probation services (including child support enforcement), jury utilization, facilities, records management and statistical analysis. He is a certified trainer and has served as an adjunct faculty member at Seton Hall Law School, Michigan State University Judicial Administration Program, the Institute for Court Management, two county colleges, and the New Jersey State Administrative Office of the Courts. He has completed the Court Executive Development Program of the National Center for State Courts Institute for Court Management and is certified as a Fellow.

Jude has published numerous articles in court and volunteer management. He has delivered training programs on transformational leadership, purposes of courts, executive decision making, staff motivation and customer service in a government setting. For his outstanding achievements in the field, he has been recognized in the Warren E. Burger Society of the National Center for State Courts, Who's Who in the East and Biltmore's Who's Who among Executives and Professionals. He has also served as president of the Mid-Atlantic Association for Court Management and the National Association for Court Management (NACM). He was awarded the 2015 Institute for Court Management's Star Award for his contributions to judicial branch education. In 2017, Jude received NACM's highest recognition, The Award of Merit.

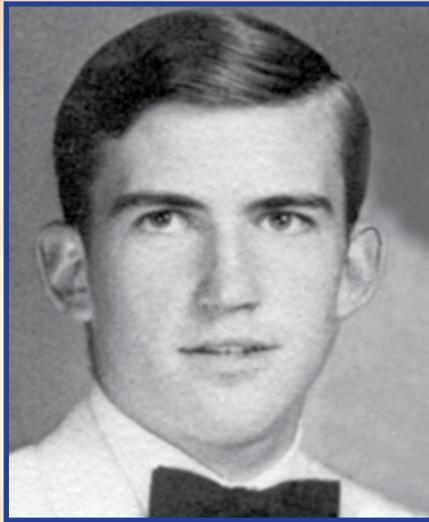
Jude resides in Moorestown N.J. with his wife of 46 years Penny (nee Heffernan). They have two sons, Matthew and Adam. Matthew and his wife Jennifer and Adam and his wife Jessica have blessed them with four beautiful grandchildren, Logan, Mason, Olivia and Finley.

**F**ollowing his graduation from Essex Catholic, where he was on the Honor Roll all four years, Jude Del Preore '69 attended Rutgers University where he graduated with High Honors in 1973 with a B.A. in History. He was also inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Alpha Theta Honor Societies. Jude also has a master's degree in public administration from Kean University.

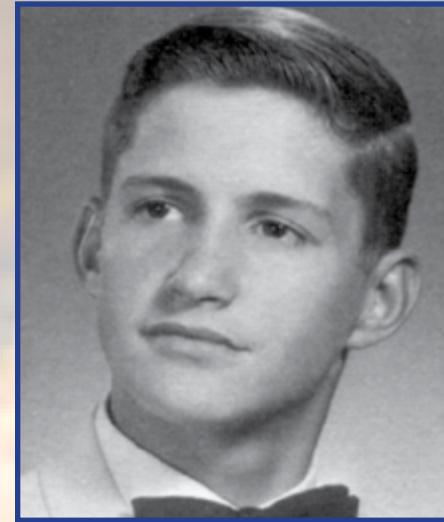
Jude presently serves as a court consultant and trainer. He retired from his position with the NJ Courts in 2019 after four decades of service. Prior to his retirement, Jude served as Trial Court Administrator in Burlington

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## 2025 ESSEX CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

# John Reilly '70



**J**ohn J. Reilly '70 is the youngest of 11 children. John's father died at age 52 when John was five years old. John's mother raised the family and, after doing so, became an Ursuline nun. John's brother, Stephen (Class of 1964) and Joe (Class of 1968) also attended Essex Catholic. John attended Saint Venantius grammar school in Orange in a class with 23 students.

At Essex, John was a member of the cross country, indoor and outdoor track teams in his Sophomore, Junior and Senior years. He was president of the National Honor Society chapter at Essex and salutatorian of his graduating class.

John attended Seton Hall University (B.A., 1974, magna cum laude). At Seton Hall, he was a member of the swimming team, was co-captain in his senior year and received the "Outstanding University Athlete" award in 1974. During his college years, John was also a member and officer of the volunteer South Orange Rescue Squad and a lifeguard at Island Beach State Park.

John received his law degree from the University of Notre Dame Law School (J.D., 1977), and, in his third year, was Articles Editor of the law review *Notre Dame Lawyer*, and was a

resident assistant in Morrissey Hall, an undergraduate dormitory.

John started his legal career as a New Jersey Deputy Attorney General representing the Department of Transportation and other state agencies for 16 years in eminent domain and condemnation matters and was an Assistant Chief of the Transportation Section of the Division of Law.

Presently, he is a partner in the Bathgate, Wegener & Wolf, P.C., law firm in Lakewood, New Jersey.

John concentrates his practice in eminent domain and condemnation matters and real estate related litigation. He has consulted and represented clients in numerous jury and non-jury trials, administrative hearings and appeals. He is listed in The Best Lawyers in America for Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law. He is Martindale-Hubbell, Peer Review Rated AV Preeminent in this area of the law. He has lectured and written on condemnation and eminent domain issues for numerous legal and industry groups throughout his career.

John has argued before the Appellate Division and Supreme Court of New Jersey and has briefed before the United States Supreme Court. For many years, he has been the contributing author on the eminent domain chapter in Commercial Real Estate Transactions Handbook (Mark A. Senn, editor). John recently secured \$11.5 million for his client when the condemnor's value for the real property taken was \$5.44 million.

Since its founding in 2004, John has been corporate secretary and a trustee of The Frances Foundation for Kids Fighting Cancer, Inc., a volunteer 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charity. The Frances Foundation passionately and compassionately brings smiles and needed financial assistance to pediatric cancer warriors and their families, of whom there are far too many. Bob Heugle, Class of 1971, founded the Frances Foundation in honor of his mother, Frances, who died from cancer. John did not know Bob while at Essex but met him when they were Deputy Attorneys General in 1980.

John and Regina, his loving wife of 45 years, reside in Hamilton, New Jersey. They have four children, Laura, John, Jr., Kelly and Rachel, and two grandchildren, Sienna and Scarlett.

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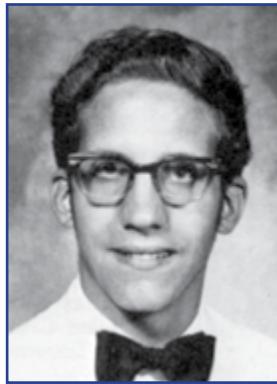
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## 2025 ESSEX CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

# *Frank Choppy '71*



in retail, working for Walmart, Payless Shoe Source, Famous Footwear and CVS, his current employer.

Shortly after he moved back to New Jersey, Frank got deeply involved with the Essex Catholic High School Foundation. For many years, he has been organizing the All-Classes Spring Reunions at McGovern's Tavern in Newark, plus the annual Summer and Christmas alumni lunches at the Cloverleaf Tavern, Caldwell.

"It is with deep appreciation that I become a member of the Hall of Fame 2025," Frank says. "Thanks again and God Bless!"



**F**rank Choppy '71 started Essex Catholic after graduation from St. Aloysius, Caldwell, in June 1967. While at Essex he was in the Science Club during his Freshman year, the Social Science Federation during his Junior year, and on the Spiritcom poster group during the football season of Senior year.

After graduating from Essex, Frank went on to Montclair State University, where he graduated with a B.A. in Anthropology in 1975. He then joined his family's dry-cleaning business, Choppy's Cleaners, in Montclair. He was later joined in the business by his brother Steve and sister Margaret. They sold the business in 1990, and Frank moved to Miami, where he worked almost ten years for a home service insurance company, which involved servicing and soliciting new business via a route named Independent Life, later absorbed by American General Insurance. He then became an insurance agent for the Knights of Columbus, of which he is still a 4th Degree member, "Vivat Jesus."

Frank returned to New Jersey in 2001 and got involved

# Congratulations!

## John Dennis '75

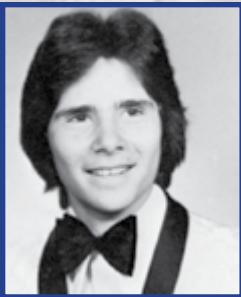
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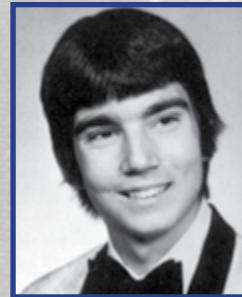
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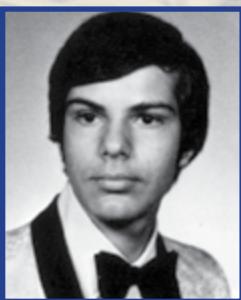
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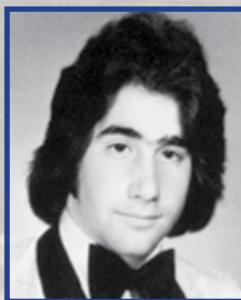
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## 2025 ESSEX CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

# *John Dennis '75*



A honors. He finished with an 8-1 record as a Senior pitcher in 1975 and helped that team earn the only Greater Newark Tournament championship in school history, pitching a complete game against #1 Irvington in the GNT final. The 1975 baseball team finished 26-8 (a school record for most wins) and was ranked #3 in the final Star-Ledger Top 20 poll. The 1975 team was inducted into the

Essex Catholic High School Hall of Fame in 2005.

After a successful high school career, John pitched for Upsala College. He broke the school record for career wins, finishing 29-7. As a Freshman, he pitched a one-hit shutout in his first collegiate start vs. Rutgers-Newark and had an 8-1 record, earning First Team All-Conference honors. John was named to the New Jersey College Baseball All-Star team three times and helped Upsala reach the College World Series in 1976, 1978 and 1979. He was a tri-captain in 1979, finishing 8-0 with the fifth-lowest ERA in the NCAA Division III ranks at 1.40.

John started coaching baseball in 1980 as an assistant at Nutley High School. He then went back to Essex Catholic and coached the Eagles from 1981-1986. His 1982 team won the Parochial A North Championship. John returned to Upsala as an assistant coach from 1986-1991. He also coached the Newark American Legion team, and managed teams in the Essex County Baseball League. He most enjoyed coaching his two sons in the Union Little League and Union AAU program. He played and umpired in the Essex County Baseball League from 1976-1995. John was inducted into the Newark Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010.

John has officiated hundreds of games for the Amateur Softball Association, New Jersey State Baseball Umpires Association and New Jersey Football Association, where he served on the Executive Board. John's football crew worked 15 state championship final games, including three in the Meadowlands. John is currently in his 43rd season of football officiating.

John lives in Union with his wife of 43 years, Maureen. Their family consists of son John and his wife Gina, and son Michael and his girlfriend Christina. They have three grandchildren, Angelo, Johnny and Anthony.

**J**ohn Dennis '75 was born and raised in Newark's North Ward. He attended Sacred Heart Cathedral Grammar School. Following graduation from Essex Catholic, he went on to attend Upsala College and earned a B.A. in Business Management in 1979. John was employed by Engelhard Industries in the 1980s, then as an Operations Manager for DHL Express for 24 years, finishing his career at Geodis Wilson Freight Forwarding until his retirement in 2022.

John began his baseball career playing in the Branch Brook Little League. His dad, Owen, was his first coach. He later excelled on the field at Essex Catholic, playing for 1975 Star-Ledger Coach of the Year Dennis Sasso '65. John was a four-year letter winner and a tri-captain during his Senior year. In his first varsity start as a Junior in 1974, John hurled a nine-inning, no-hitter vs. Parsippany. As a Senior, John earned Star-Ledger First Team All-City, First Team All-County and First Team All-State Parochial

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# **BRUNO GIORDANO**



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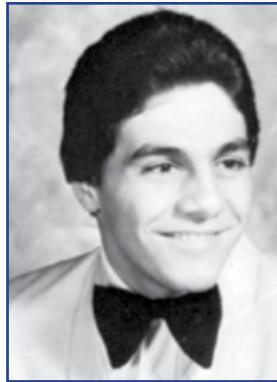
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Marcelo Moyano, Angelo Paz, Frank Venezia,**

**Stephen Zirpoli**



## 2025 ESSEX CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

# Bruno Giordano '76



(school record for most wins) and was ranked #3 in the final Star-Ledger Top 20 poll. The 1975 team was also inducted into the Essex Catholic High School Hall of Fame in 2005. As a senior in 1976, Bruno led the Eagles to a Parochial A State Championship, garnering Star Ledger First Team All-City, First Team All-County, First Team All-State Parochial "A" and First Team All-State honors as a second baseman. Amazingly, Bruno committed just one fielding error across his Junior and Senior seasons.

Coming out of Essex Catholic, Bruno was a highly regarded college prospect. He turned down numerous Division 1 offers to play at Division III powerhouse Upsala College. He was a four-year starter and was named captain for his Senior season in 1980. During his career at Upsala, Bruno's teams made three consecutive NCAA Regionals and one trip to the Finals in Marietta, Ohio in 1980. He helped lead Upsala to the Division III College World Series in 1978, 1979 and 1980. After his Junior season, he played with the Chatham A's in the prestigious Cape Cod League, where he roomed with future Major Leaguer Scott Bradley. Bruno was named a Division III First Team All-American as a Senior after batting an incredible .506. He amassed 238 career hits, including 83 in 1980, and 57 career doubles. He was an honorable mention selection at second base for The Star-Ledger All Century Team. After graduating from Upsala, Bruno played professionally in Italy. Major League player Rick Cerone '72 was a valued mentor of Bruno's throughout his baseball career and beyond. In 2010, Bruno was inducted into the Newark Athletic Hall of Fame.

Bruno lives in Butler with Tricia, his wife of 29 years. They are the proud parents of two daughters, Daniella and Adrianna. Bruno volunteered many hours in the Butler Township youth soccer and basketball programs when the girls were growing up. He also was an assistant baseball coach with Essex Catholic and the Newark American Legion in the early 1980s.

**B**runo Giordano '76 was born and raised in Newark's North Ward. He attended Sacred Heart Cathedral Grammar School. Following graduation from Essex Catholic, he went on to attend Upsala College and earned a B.A in Business Management in 1980. After graduation, Bruno worked as an Installation Supervisor for AIM telephone systems. He became part-owner of Racioppi's Taralles Inc., a family-owned Italian Bakery, from 1991-2009, and currently works for PSE&G as a heavy equipment operator.

Bruno was a three-year varsity starter at second base for the Essex Catholic baseball team. As a Sophomore in 1974, he batted .407. In his Junior season of 1975, Bruno batted .486 (34/70) with six doubles, two triples, five home runs and 17 stolen bases. He was a key contributor that year, helping the Eagles capture the only Greater Newark Tournament championship in school history, and earned Star-Ledger First Team All-City, First Team All-County and First Team All-State Parochial A honors. The 1975 baseball team finished 26-8

# *Congratulations* TO DAVE YACAVONE

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AND IN MEMORY OF  
**GREG RIEL**



*Joe O'Dowd '63 HoF '82*



## 2025 ESSEX CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

# *Greg Reil, Teacher/Coach*



**G**reg Riel began his distinguished career at Essex Catholic in the Fall of 1961 as a history teacher, guidance counselor and football coach. He built the football program from the ground up, leading the team to a state championship in 1964. Yet his greatest legacy lies not in wins, but in the countless young men whose lives he shaped as a mentor, coach and counselor.

Born in Boston Oct. 2, 1926, Greg was the son of a Filipino WWI veteran and an Irish-American nurse. He was raised in Queens N.Y., and attended Iona Prep, excelling in football, baseball, track, basketball and fencing—winning a NYC fencing championship.

At only 17, Greg followed his siblings into service and enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War II. Serving in Italy, France and Germany, he rose to Sergeant, fought in the Battle of the Bulge, and helped liberate POW and concentration camps. He was a quintessential example of the fabled Greatest Generation.

It was the lessons of teamwork, brotherhood and leadership

Greg experienced on the battlefield that he brought to the playing field. The qualities of courage he witnessed at such a young age shaped him and imparted lessons he carried with him for the rest of his life. Of that time, he said, “I saw guys who didn’t make it to their 19th birthday. Every day after that is a gift.” His early experiences at war gave him mental, physical and spiritual toughness that served him for the rest of his life. He also cherished that precious gift of life—and always working hard, he enjoyed every minute of it.

After the war, Greg attended St. Bonaventure College, playing football under Coach Hugh Devore and alongside future NFL coach Ted Marchibroda. Known for his toughness and talent, he was Marchibroda’s favorite target and a feared defensive back. After a 1951 game against Louisville, Johnny Unitas recalled, “He was the hardest hitter I ever played against.” Greg also earned an invitation to the New York Yankees spring training camp. Later in life, he became a teaching tennis pro and served as a line judge at the U.S. Open.

Greg met his wife, Joyce, at St. Bonaventure, and together they raised four children. Many of his players recall Sunday dinners at the Riel home, followed by game film and life lessons. In summers, Greg managed a beach club at the Jersey Shore, giving jobs and guidance to many of his athletes.

Greg Riel was more than a coach. He was a father figure and a trusted advisor known for his strength, passion, humor and unwavering support. As a guidance counselor, he opened doors for students who never imagined college in their future, walking them through applications, finances, logistics and possibilities beyond their circumstances.

Greg Riel’s life embodied the values of courage, service and integrity. From the battlefields to the playing fields of Essex Catholic, he was a lion among men, living with purpose and giving selflessly to others.



## Congratulations to the ECHS Hall of Fame Class of 2025

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1962 Eagles Varsity Football

### Coach Riel

Congratulations on your induction into the ECHS Hall of Fame! This honor reflects your incredible dedication and the lasting impact you've made on so many young men. Thank you for your unwavering support and belief in us. We have benefited from your mentoring, guidance and leadership. In retrospect, your attributes have been ingrained in our character and shaped our growth as men. We're grateful to have been a part of your journey. Regretfully, you are no longer with us; however, your influence continues to inspire us today.

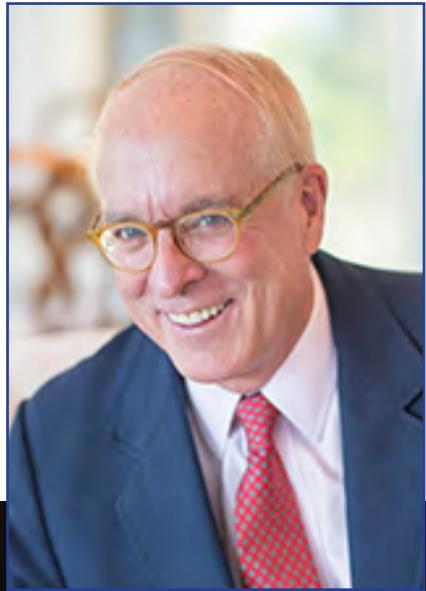
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**T**he Foundation is pleased to introduce a new annual award named in honor of Anthony “Brother Nick” Naclerio, who established the Hall of Fame and Alumni Dinner in 1981. The inaugural *Anthony Naclerio Award for Foundation Support* goes to Gilbert H. Lamphere, a long-time colleague of Foundation Trustee Bill Vantuono '77, Editor-in-Chief of rail industry trade publication *Railway Age*.

Gil has decades of experience as a principal investor and financier in railroad industry and other private equity transactions. He has extensive operational experience as a chairman and/or board member for a wide range of publicly traded and private companies. Gil is Chairman of MidRail Corp. and founder of MidSouth Rail Corp. He has been a Norfolk Southern (NS) Independent Director since 2024. In July of this year, NS and Union Pacific (UP) announced their intent to merge—a transaction that, if approved by the U.S.

Surface Transportation Board, would create the nation’s first coast-to-coast transcontinental railroad, with reach into Canada and Mexico.

Gil led management teams and boards that bought, managed and improved operations at Illinois Central (IC, where he served as Chairman from 1990 to 1998), MidSouth, CN (Canadian National), Florida East Coast (FEC) and Southern Pacific, with alumni leading Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR), creating gains for investors in excess of \$2 billion. While he was a director at CN and FEC, operating executives from senior leadership teams at IC and MidSouth were instrumental in improving operations and optimizing both companies. In addition, members of the team were also successful in turning around Southern Pacific (prior to its merger with UP) and CPR, now Canadian Pacific Kansas City following its 2023 merger with Kansas City Southern to form North America’s first and only single-line transnational (Canada-U.S.-Mexico) railroad. Gil has also served as a director of CSX and Patriot Rail.

Prior to his career in railroading, Gil led four successive, operationally focused private equity firms, and was Vice President of Mergers & Acquisitions at Morgan Stanley from 1976 to 1981.

Gil graduated from Princeton University with an A.B. in Economics with Honors and from Harvard Business School as a Baker Scholar and a recipient of the Loeb Rhoades Fellow finance prize.

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**Heartfelt Thanks, Mr. Joe Garvey  
Teacher, Coach, Role Model, Fellow Umpire,  
Administrative Colleague, Mentor, Friend**

He is the man who inspired, encouraged and supported me throughout my entire career as a teacher, school administrator, coach, sports official and Director of the Essex County Greater Newark Boys' Baseball Tournament and the Essex County Boys' Basketball Tournament. My first involvement in high school sports was in 1962 when I became a "Ball Boy" for "Coach Joe" and his basketball team at Immaculate Conception High School. It was to be Mr. Garvey's last year as coach at Immaculate, as he then moved on to become head basketball coach at Essex Catholic.

Three of my fondest memories of Mr. Garvey were when he and I umpired two Greater Newark Tournament finals together, when he was a guest speaker at our American Legion Championship awards dinner in 1978 and when we attended West Essex Regional and Sending District meetings together, during years when we both held positions as principals. Suffice to say, without Coach Joe's help and guidance, I would never have had the opportunity to be here with everyone this evening to accept this most prestigious honor!

# *Congratulations!*

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2025 Hall of Fame Inductees*



*Richard Gray  
Essex Catholic Faculty, 1966-1972*



# Thanks From the

*Athlete, Coach, Teacher, Guidance Counselor*

*Congratulations to the 2025 Hall of Fame Honorees!*



*For this Honor of Our Beloved Father, Special Thanks to Harry McLaughlin '63 for Nominating Him, and to Joe Mastracchio '65 for His Kind Words of Introduction.*



# *Family of Greg Riel*

*Much Beloved Husband and Father  
Heartfelt Thanks to the Hall of Fame Committee!*

*It means so much to us for him to be remembered in this way by the men he loved and nurtured as young student-athletes, and who today so generously acknowledge his powerful influence on their lives and destinies—men who have long-since grown up to become men of character, competence, conscience and compassion, who live their faith, and have become the shining examples to others that our father was to them. He was so proud of you and would have been so moved to receive this honor. So it is with hearts full of love, tremendous pride and deep gratitude that we accept this honor in his memory—proof that life is not ended, only changed, and that his influence continues to live on, deep and wide, in the admirable lives of his cherished students and their families and all who they continue to guide and shape to become people of faith and character—to become servant-leaders like “the One who came not to be served, but to serve.” You are the sons with whom God is “well pleased.” May God Bless All of You and those who you love with continued health and strength, inspiration and grace. And may God continue to pour out His Spirit into you to continue the good work He has begun in you.*



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# Thank You Essex Catholic for the Memories!

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Andrea, EOCHS Class of 1977, Essex Cheerleader (B.S. Montclair State)

Liz, EOCHS Class of 1978, Essex Cheerleader (B.A. Centenary, Magna Cum Laude)



**In Memoriam**  
Parents  
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Essex Catholic 1973 Varsity Wrestling Co-Captains, left to right: Jim Mullin, Baggio Uricoli, and Ken Villano.

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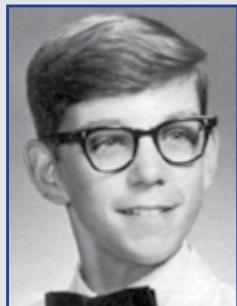
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To All Our 2025 ECHS Hall of Fame Inductees,

Especially

**Jude Del Preore '69**

A Well-Deserved Honor!



*Go Eagles!*

**Walter Camuso '69**

# *Thank You, Essex Catholic*

Congratulations to Father Matt Chadwick '68  
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*Kathy Vreeland Bakes*

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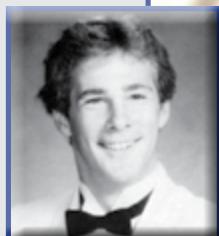
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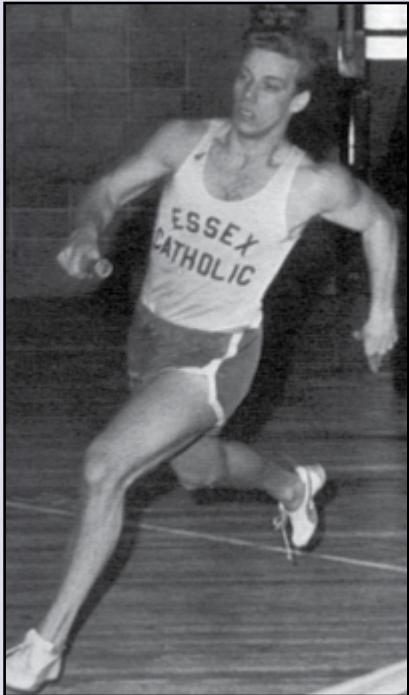
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God Bless!*



## *Stephen J. Tobia '71*

### *In Memoriam*

**Al Tobia '67 • 1949-2020 • Hall of Fame 1990**



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